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Mr. Martinez,

This letter is reply to your public records request dated 7.8.2019 regarding various records related to facial recognition. To be able to reply to your request I have set aside your language that asks for "any other company" and "are not limited to" as these terms make your request unreasonable and overly broad. For a request that covers over 18 months of time, there needs to be some limits to your scope. I searched for Rekognition, Face++ and FaceFirst within the scope of your eight avenues. I have no records that respond to your request.

Of note, his same request was made by MuckRock and Beryl Lipton on February 20, 2018. My reply has not changed much. In reply to your July 8th request, request, the Madison Police Department does not own or use any facial recognition software therefore I have no records to produce for the portions of your request that relate to our purchase, training, policy, bid records, agreements, company relations or communications, use and function or validation and accuracy of facial recognition software.

I have conducted an exhaustive search including email for any records that pertain to your company names for 1. Agreements, 2. Bids, 3. Company relations and comms, 4. Financial, 5. Policy, 6. Training, 7. Use and function, 8. Validation and accuracy. I have located no records that fall within the scope of your request.

Additionally, I am still in a position under the limits of the law to determine that incidental mass emails marketing for customers are not within the scope of the Wisconsin Public Records law; we cannot control what marketers send to anyone in the department and no such records would be kept as they do not relate to MPD business.

While I cannot produce records where there are none; I have still made some decisions in interpreting your request which are within my duties as the Records Custodian. Pursuant to Sec. 19.35(4)(b) Wis. Stats., I advise you that this determination is subject to review by Mandamus under Sec. 19.37(1) Wis. Stats., or upon application to the Wisconsin Attorney General or the Dane County District Attorney.

Sincerely,

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Madison Police Records Custodian